GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY
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EXPORT OF GRANITE
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Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) the agencies which are exporting granite from the country;

(b) the States from which granite is being procured by the agencies for export purpose;

(c) the total quantum of granite exported from the country during each of the last three years, agency-wise;

(d) whether the Government have a proposal to increase the export of granite during the coming years; and

(e) if so, the details thereof and the steps being taken in this regard?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI RAJIV PRATAP RUDY)

(a) to (c) : Central Government maintains export data for the country as a whole and not State-wise, agency-wise. Total export of granite and products thereof from the country during the last three years is as follows:

(Value in Rs. Crore)

1998-99	1999-2000	2000-2001
1013.11	1671.20	1954.00

(Source: CAPEXIL)

(d) & (e) : Granite has been identified and declared as a `thrust area` and necessary steps have been initiated for hassle-free export of granite in consultation with the Ministries of Mines and Finance and the State Governments. To further increase the export of granite in the coming period, Ministry of Finance has abolished physical controls over production, storage, clearance and movement of goods, materials and components, to and from EOUs and subsequently allowed Granite EOUs to import duty-free machinery, tools and consumables under the EOU Scheme. Further, CAPEXIL, the nodal official Export Promotion Council under Department c Commerce, is organising and participating in various international trade fairs/road shows with the objective to boost exports of granite, marble and the stones.